

UNAPPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
October 15, 2007

TIME The meeting was convened at 6:58 p.m.

PRESENT Chair Lord-Hausman and Commissioners Berger, Fort, Longley-Cook, and Kreitz.

EXCUSED Commissioner Kirola

ABSENT Commissioners Robinson, Hakanson, and Vice Chair Moore.

MINUTES
The minutes of the September 24, 2007, meeting were approved as submitted.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS- None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Carnegie Building:

Mr. Greg McFann, City's Building Official, Ms. Rosemary Muller and Mr. Larry Dreifuss of Muller and Caulfield Associates, architectural consultants, informed the Commissioners on the proposed uses of the Carnegie Building and challenges that the historic building presents for meeting ADA requirements. The current proposed uses being considered are a one-stop City Permit Center with art displays or a historic museum. ADA accessibility to the various building levels will be by a new building addition located at the northwest corner of the building and will include an elevator, stairwells, and restrooms. The restrooms currently are proposed in the basement level of the building. Exterior access to the new addition will be from Oak Street via a landscaped, concrete-terrazzo walkway. The Commission made the following suggestions: 1) add a bench(s) along the walkway for rest stops; 2) provide grab bars, coat hooks and shelf in the non-ADA restroom stalls; 3) provide fold-up changing tables in both the mens and women's restrooms; 4) provide a small children toilet; and 5) if the restrooms are to be located at different floor levels, the men's facility should be at the basement level and the woman's at the main floor level for safety concerns. The Commission will be kept informed by Mr. McFann and the architects on the project. A presentation is scheduled to be made to the City Council on November 20, 2007.

2. November and December Commission Meetings:

The November Commission meeting will be held on November 26th and will include the election of the 2008 officers (Chair and Vice-Chair). There will be no December meeting. January's meeting date will be determined at the November meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 14th or January 28th.

3. Alameda Landing Development:

Chair Audrey Lord-Hausman informed the Commissioners that Mr. Andrew Thomas, Planning Services Manager, will discuss the proposed Alameda Landing development at the November 26 Commission meeting. Audrey distributed a newspaper article to the Commissioners outlining some issues.

4. Temporary Disabled Parking at Community Events:

Chair Audrey Lord-Hausman informed the Commissioners that she will discuss with Mr. Obaid Khan, Public Works Supervising Civil Engineer, the need to have temporary disabled parking spaces at community events and how to establish a procedure. Commissioner Toby Berger would like to know the ratio of disabled parking spaces to standard parking spaces in parking lots. Secretary to follow up.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Commission on Disability Internet Link (CDI):

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the web designers are still working on the CDI site and will get back to her.

2. Alameda Hospital Health Fair:

The Alameda Hospital Health Fair will be held on October 20, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. The Commission will have a table at the event. Commissioners Roberta Kreitz and Adrienne Longley-Cook will staff the fair.

3. Bus Stop Accessibility at Eighth Street and Central Avenue:

The Secretary informed the Commission that accessibility at bus stop locations is being evaluated as part of the ADA transition plan. Chair Lord-Hausman will contact AC Transit and inform them of the grass strip between the sidewalk and curb.

4. East Bay Regional Park Crown Beach Path:

Chair Audrey Lord-Hausman reported that she spoke with Ms. Anne Rockwell of the Regional Park District regarding the gap that exists in the existing path behind Washington Park. The Regional Park's path and the City's Recreation & Park Department path do not meet. Ms. Rockwell will get back to Audrey.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS –None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commissioner Roberta Kreitz informed the Commissioners that the Special Olympics is looking for dignitaries for their January festivity. She will provide more details at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 26, 2007, 6:30 p.m. in Room 360 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sommerauer,
Interim Commission Secretary